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**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action dated April 17, 2003, please amend the claims as shown on the attached Version With Markings to Show Changes Made and Replacement Sheet.

Claim 1 is amended.

Please cancel claim 2.

Claims 3-8 remain unchanged.

**REMARKS**

The Office Action dated April 17, 2003 has been received and carefully studied.

The Examiner rejects claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Yabu, Shuichi, JP 405067551A. The Examiner states that Yabu discloses an aligner comprising all of the structural elements of claims 1 and 2.

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